



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** This week, parts of the State experienced a high volume of rainfall while other parts of the state experienced no rainfall according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. Producers across the state experienced slightly higher than average temperatures. These conditions allowed farmers 6.0 days in the field.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

|           | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 4          | 30    | 63       | 3       |
| Last Week | 6          | 25    | 68       | 1       |
| Last Year | 3          | 21    | 69       | 7       |

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

|           | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 4          | 31    | 64       | 1       |
| Last Week | 6          | 24    | 69       | 1       |
| Last Year | 3          | 35    | 60       | 2       |

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat harvest is estimated at 98 percent completed. Spring barley had 72 percent turning color and eight percent harvested with the crop rated in mostly good to fair condition. Spring wheat was 59 percent turning color with seven percent harvested by week's end. This is compared to the 5- year average of 71 percent turning color and 11 percent harvested. The crop remained in mostly good condition.

**Row Crops:** Corn was 75 percent silked, five percent was in dough and rated in good condition by the end of the week. Sorghum was 37 percent headed and 17 percent turning color with the crop rated in good to fair condition. Sunflowers were also rated in mostly good to fair condition. Dry onions and sugarbeets continue to be rated in mostly good to excellent condition.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT 1/

Week ending August 1, 2010

|               | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|---------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Spring Barley |           |      |      |      |           |
| This Week     | 0         | 1    | 21   | 65   | 13        |
| Last Year     | 0         | 2    | 13   | 51   | 34        |
| Spring Wheat  |           |      |      |      |           |
| This Week     | 1         | 2    | 27   | 50   | 20        |
| Last Year     | 0         | 2    | 20   | 58   | 20        |

Summer and fall potatoes were reported in mostly good condition at the end of the week. Dry beans are 72 percent flowered, ahead of the 5-year average of 59 percent, while maintaining mostly good to fair condition.

**Pasture, Range and Hay:** Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado declined slightly this week. Currently, they are rated in mostly good to fair condition. The second cutting of alfalfa continues with 75 percent complete and two percent of the third cutting of alfalfa has already been completed. The alfalfa hay crop is rated in mostly good to fair condition.

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle and sheep were at average for the week. Stored feed supplies remain at average for this time of year and livestock are rated in mostly good condition.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 1, 2010

|                      | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Pasture & Range-2010 | 1         | 7    | 40   | 43   | 9         |
| Prev. Year - 2009    | 3         | 9    | 26   | 45   | 17        |
| 5-Year Avg.          | 16        | 21   | 32   | 26   | 5         |

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending August 1, 2010

| <u>Item</u>             | <u>This Week</u> | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Last Year</u> | <u>5-Yr Avg.</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Winter Wheat</b>     |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Harvested               | 98               | 85               | 92               | 98               |
| <b>Spring Barley</b>    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Turning Color           | 72               | 54               | 83               | 85               |
| Harvested               | 8                | 3                | 13               | 13               |
| <b>Spring Wheat</b>     |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Turning Color           | 59               | 54               | 61               | 71               |
| Harvested               | 7                | 2                | 11               | 11               |
| <b>Corn</b>             |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Silked                  | 75               | 45               | 61               | 66               |
| Dough                   | 5                | 1                | 11               | 11               |
| <b>Sorghum</b>          |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Headed                  | 37               | 20               | 34               | 44               |
| Coloring                | 17               | 12               | 21               | 14               |
| <b>Dry Beans</b>        |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Flowered                | 72               | 52               | 54               | 59               |
| <b>Alfalfa</b>          |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting | 75               | 61               | 49               | 69               |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting | 2                | N/A              | 0                | 2                |

## COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

| <u>Item</u>            | <u>Very Poor</u> | <u>Poor</u> | <u>Fair</u> | <u>Good</u> | <u>Excellent</u> |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| <b>Livestock</b>       | 0                | 1           | 13          | 66          | 20               |
| <b>Corn</b>            | 0                | 1           | 17          | 65          | 17               |
| <b>Sorghum</b>         | 1                | 5           | 28          | 51          | 15               |
| <b>Dry Onions</b>      | 1                | 1           | 16          | 55          | 27               |
| <b>Dry Beans</b>       | 2                | 3           | 36          | 50          | 9                |
| <b>Alfalfa</b>         | 0                | 2           | 27          | 51          | 20               |
| <b>Sugarbeets</b>      | 0                | 0           | 4           | 70          | 26               |
| <b>Summer Potatoes</b> | 0                | 0           | 9           | 79          | 12               |
| <b>Fall Potatoes</b>   | 0                | 1           | 20          | 59          | 20               |
| <b>Sunflowers</b>      | 1                | 4           | 24          | 57          | 14               |

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.